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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains multiple (groups of) inventions, as follows:

1. Claims 1-11, 14-18, 21-25

Connection module for optical waveguides, with fibre guiding structures and an integrated fibre cutting tool, electrooptical terminal module containing said connection module.

2. Claims 12, 13, 19, 20

Connection module for optical waveguides, with immersion fluid store, and electrooptical terminal module containing said connection module.

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